

## A CHAPTER of the TIMES!

1. **L**ISTEN to the Voice of Truth, O Sons of Westminster!---The Children of Iniquity have arisen again; even the evil Ministers of *Judas Iscariot*, whose Wickedness brought on him the Indignation of us and our Brethren.

2. Remember, O let it be remembered! that in the Days of our Just Anger *Judas* was cut off; yea like a Mushroom of the Dunghill, that cometh up in the Morning, and is hewn down before Night. Moreover let it not be forgotten when FOX, the Favorite of the People, was chosen among the Elders, how the High Priest of the *Back Stairs* waxed wroth, and was outrageous, seeing ye had not chosen *Judas*.

3. ¶ Now this High Priest had been reputed a Stripling of Virtue, but was one who speaketh Fair and doeth Foul: He carrieth the Face of a Woman, with the Deceit of a Crocodile; and he was like unto an Eunuch: Although he was as a Beast of Burden in the King's Inner Gate, yet he was as wayward as Balaam's Ass, and as unruly as a Mad Ox, against the People.

4. And he arose and said, "Forasmuch as the Election of FOX displeaseth me, I will tax the Sons of Westminster more than any other City; yea I will tax their Shops Ten-fold: For they have not obeyed my Commandments." And he sent the Tax-Gatherers forth with Constables and Bullies, and certain of his own Tribe called *Pittites*, armed with Sticks and Staves, and they gathered the Tax by Force.

5. And when it came to pass that FOX arose many Times, exclaiming aloud, "It is an Abominable and Partial Tax, a Violation to the Land, and ought not to be gathered," that he turned often Times unto his Brother Elder and said, "Wilt thou not assist me, and set thy Face against this Unjust Tax?" And he answered AYE; but he stirred not.

6. For since he had been chosen Elder he heeded not the People; moreover he turned *Jacobite*, and, forgetting the Fear of God, inclined his Heart unto the Wicked One, like unto *Judas*, and sold himself for a Tool unto the High Priest: Inasmuch that although he had been Captain over Hundreds and Captain over Thousands, yet, to keep the Favor of the High Priest, he set himself against those who had sustained him in the Great Fight.

7. And lo! when the High Priest saw that Valiant Band attend at the Outer Court, waiting for Preferment, he said, "There are certain Young Men like myself, and those who have torn the Leaves of Truth from divers Log-Books; bring them to the Promotion Court, but drive those Grey-headed ones hence." And he did as the High Priest commanded; and when they shewed their Wounds he heeded them not, but uttered dreadful Imprecations, scoffing and reviling them, saying, *The Dogs may lick your Sores*.

8. And the High Priest said, "Well hast thou done---if thou wilt follow my Counsels, as thou hast hitherto, I will make thee a Lord, yea a Lord of the Admirals:" And he kneeled down and kissed his Feet, crying out, *Thy Will be done*. And the High Priest put his Hand upon the Head of his Worshipper, and said, "Rise up, NOODLE! Lord over the Admirals."

9. Then Lord NOODLE came unto the Sons of Westminster, to be again elected one of their Elders; and, seeing the People violent against him, he made them great Promises: But they answered him, "Thou art a Deceiver, an ungrateful Hireling: Did we not choose thee in Gratitude for thy Services in the Great Fight? And hast thou not trampled on thy Brother Officers, who were the Means of raising Thee in Our Esteem? Hast thou not connived with our Enemies to darken our Light, that they might purge us with Rotten Tea, and build Fortifications?"

10. "Get thee hence, thou Amphibious Admiral, thou Double-Faced NOODLE! For behold there cometh from the HOUSE OF TOWNSHEND One who will support us against thee, and those of thy Gang, who would rob us of our Independence, and our Freedom; behold he cometh with FOX, our tried Champion and Defender."